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Medical Department,
Seychelles, 16th October, 1942.

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Annual Medical and Health Report for the year
ending 31st December, 1941.

I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor, and for transmission to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, the Medical Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Seychelles for the year 1941, together with Returns, etc. appended thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. M. JOSEPH,

Acting Senior Medical Officer.

To.

The Hon. Secretary to Government,

Victoria.

COLONY OF SEYCHELLES.

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On the Medical and Health Department

1st January to 31st December 1941.

I. ADMINISTRATION.

A. STAFF.

CHANGES IN PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

Dr. Lanier the Senior Medical Officer who was on sick leave since December 1940 relinquished his appointment on the 19th of May 1941. Dr. Joseph who was acting as Senior Medical Officer, continued in the post throughout the year.

Medical Officer Dr. Christianson's contract for three years terminated in March when he was confirmed in the Department.

Dr. Pai the Medical Officer of South Mahé who was keeping indifferent health since July took sick leave in October when Dr. Miss Stevenson was appointed temporarily as visiting Medical Officer of South Mahé.

On the completion of Dental Surgeon Mr. Harter's contract in December it was extended for a further period of one year.

B. FINANCIAL.

HOSPITAL, MEDICAL AND SANITARY REVENUE.

Hospital and Maternity Fees	...	...	Rs.	9,339.75
Mental Hospital Fees	...	...	"	766.00
Quarantine Fees	...	...	"	260.00
Sale of Medicines	...	...	"	1,177.03
Total Rs.				<u>11,542.78</u>

MEDICAL AND SANITARY EXPENDITURE.

The estimated expenditure for 1941 was :—

Personal emoluments	...	...	Rs.	58,010.—
Other charges	...	...	"	45,460.—
Total Rs.				<u>103,470.—</u>

The actual expenditure for 1941 was :—

Personal emoluments	...	...	Rs.	51,469.93
Other charges	...	...	"	64,987.19
Total Rs.				<u>116,457.12</u>

Excess expenditure Rs. 12,987.12

II. PUBLIC HEALTH.

A. GENERAL REMARKS.

Though the general health of the population during the year was good, towards the end of the year an epidemic of a severe type of German measles started in the town of Victoria and the suburbs. On September 21st one H. M. Ship called at this port with a case of German measles on board. A few members of the public are alleged to have been on board

and to have returned ashore before the Health Officer could board the ship and place her in quarantine. Only one of them could be traced and though he was placed in quarantine from the next day onwards, and he did not himself develop the disease, the disease somehow made its appearance in the Colony. It was only in the month of November that the first group of cases came under observation and then all possible steps were taken to isolate the sick either at home or in the Hospital but all were of no avail because the first few cases ran their courses undetected and the infection had already spread to an uncontrollable extent.

Though the disease spread rather rapidly in Mahé, it did not cause any death up to the end of the year. It is worthy of note that since 1918 this Colony was free from any type of measles. There was no epidemic of any other infectious disease during the year.

1. GENERAL DISEASES.

Senility :—The principal cause of death for the year was Senile decay, and this accounted for 79 deaths.

Anaemia :—Secondary anaemia due to ankylostomiasis, amoebic dysentery, climatic conditions, defective nutrition and senility were not infrequent. This formed the chief cause of morbidity at the out-patient department of the Seychelles Hospital during the year, being 304 out of 2,317 new cases, as also the second main cause of death viz : 44 deaths from diseases of the blood and blood forming organs.

Circulatory system :—Though diseases of the circulatory system are common among the aged, deaths due to this cause were fewer than in the previous year viz : 19 against 54 in 1940.

Cerebral apoplexy :—On the other hand deaths due to cerebral apoplexy were more viz : 27 against 17 in 1940.

Rheumatism :—Acute and chronic rheumatism of the various parts of the body were commonly seen in the out-patient clinics. On the whole 159 patients attended the clinic at the Hospital for this condition.

Diseases of the Respiratory System :—Of the diseases of the respiratory system the most common were Bronchitis, and Asthma, 140 cases of bronchitis and 94 cases of asthma attended the out-patient clinics whereas 32 and 66 cases respectively were treated in the Hospital. Besides 28 cases of pleurisy, 12 cases of broncho-pneumonia and 7 cases of lobar-pneumonia were treated in the Hospital. 14 of the year's deaths were due to pneumonia.

Gastro-enteritis and Diarrhoea :—Apart from constipation which was rather frequent in the dispensaries (340 during the year) the most common complaint of the digestive system was gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea of which 55 cases were treated in the Seychelles Hospital and 168 cases attended the dispensaries. On the whole 18 deaths were due to this cause.

Hepatitis :—The number of cases of hepatitis remained more or less the same as in 1940, 164 cases were treated in Hospital compared with 174 cases in 1940.

Cancer :—No change to report about the incidence of cancer and other malignant growths. 13 deaths were due to cancer compared with 12 in 1940.

2. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

Malaria :—6 imported cases of malaria were treated in the Seychelles Hospital.

Small pox :—No case occurred during the year.

Rubella :—Altogether 56 cases came for treatment of which 19 were treated at the Hospital and the remaining 47 at the out-patient clinic of the Seychelles Hospital. No death occurred, from this cause.

Chicken-pox :—As in previous years a few cases of sporadic chicken-pox were reported from the different districts of the Colony.

Influenza :—44 cases were treated in the Hospital, with no death and 116 were attended to at the Dispensaries. Only one death was due to this disease this year.

Dysentery :—Amoebic dysentery is endemic in this Colony. 100 such cases were treated in the Hospital and 156 cases were treated in the Dispensaries. The only other type of dysentery noticed here is Balantidial dysentery of which only one case came for treatment in the Hospital.

Tetanus :—Presumably due to the more frequent use of A. T. serum for cases of accidental wounds, only one case of tetanus came for treatment and that case recovered.

Leprosy :—The total number of known cases of leprosy in this Colony on the 1st January 1941 was 78. 6 new cases were found out. 5 patients died and three cases were discharged on parole due to arrest of the disease with treatment. Thus on the 31st December 1941 there were on the whole 76 cases giving an incidence of 2.28 per thousand population.

Tuberculosis :—The incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis during the year remained high. Though only 5 cases were treated in the Hospital and 8 cases in the Dispensaries this year, 21 deaths were certified to be due to this disease compared with 18 in 1940. Tuberculosis of joints, g anus etc, were rarely met with.

Venereal diseases :—These are very prevalent and though no exact figures can be given it is feared that they are on the increase due to the closer contact with outside world occasioned by the war conditions. 10 cases of syphilis and 42 cases of gonorrhoea and its complications were treated in the Hospital. At the V. D. clinics 94 cases of syphilis in the different stages, 64 cases of gonorrhoea and its complications and 4 cases of lymphogranuloma inguinale were treated during the year.

Helminthic diseases :—Infections with Round worm, Hook worm, Whip worm and Thread worm are common especially among the children. 17 cases of helminthiasis were treated in the Hospital and 55 cases in the Dispensaries.

Filariasis :—Few cases of infection with filaria Bancrofti were reported from the different districts of the Colony.

Dracontiasis :—As the imported cases of Guinea worm infection were repatriated there is no case to report this year.

B. VITAL STATISTICS.

The estimated population on the 31st December 1941 was 33,352 (males 16,594, females 16,738) showing an increase of 648 over the preceeding year.

Births :—The total number of births for the year was 825 and the crude birth rate 24.75 per thousand against 26.31 in 1940.

Deaths :—The total number of deaths for the year was 378 and the crude death rate 11.82 per thousand against 11.40 in 1940.

Infantile Mortality :—The infantile mortality rate, which is the number of infants' deaths under one year of age during the year for every thousand live births registered, was 44.55 this year, against 59.59 in 1940.

The table below shows the main causes of deaths and the total under different heads.

<i>Title.</i>	<i>Corresponding title number in International list of causes of deaths (1938 Revision)</i>	<i>Number of deaths.</i>	<i>Rate per thousand population.</i>
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	(13)	21	.63
" of other organs.	(14—22)	1	.03
Leprosy	(23)	5	.15
Purulent infection and Septicaemia	(24)	2	.06
Dysentery	(27)	2	.06
Syphilis	(30)	9	.24
Influenza	(33)	1	.03
Helminthic infections	(40—42)	1	.03
Other infective or parasitic diseases	(44)	1	.03
Cancer and other malignant tumours	(45—55)	13	.39
Diabetes	(61)	5	.15
Other general diseases	(66)	3	.09
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs	(72—76)	44	1.32
Meningitis (non-meningococcal)	(81)	3	.09
Cerebral haemorrhage, apoplexy etc.	(82—83)	27	.81
Mental disorders and deficiency	(84)	5	.15
Other diseases of the nervous system	(87)	3	.09
Diseases of the heart and pericardium	(90—95)	18	.54
Other diseases of the circulatory system	(96—103)	1	.03
Bronchitis	(106)	2	.06
Pneumonia (all forms)	(107—109)	14	.42
Pleurisy (non-tuberculous)	(110)	3	.09
Asthma	(112)	6	.18
Other diseases of the respiratory system	(104—105, 111, 113—114)	2	.06
Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	(117)	1	.03
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	(119—120)	18	.54
Hernia and Intestinal obstruction	(122)	3	.09
Cirrhosis of Liver	(124)	4	.12
Other diseases of the liver and biliary passages	(125—127)	5	.15
Other diseases of the digestive system.	(115—6, 118,) (123, 128—129)	3	.09
Nephritis	(130—132)	4	.12
Other non-venereal diseases of the genito- urinary system	(136—139)	7	.21
Diseases of pregnancy, child-birth and puerperal state	(140—150)	4	.12
Congenital malformation and Diseases of early infancy	(157—161)	15	.45
Senility	(162)	78	2.34
Deaths from violence and accidents	(163—198)	13	.39
Ill-defined causes	(199—200)	31	.93
Total		378	

Only one post mortem examination was ordered by the Judicial Authorities during the year as the few sudden deaths that occurred gave no suspicion of any foul play.

III. HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

A. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST.

1. MOSQUITO AND INSECT BORNE DISEASES.

No change to report from the previous years. During the year 4 ships were fumigated 15 (including flying-boats) were disinfected. The fumigation of cargo was carried out on 41 occasions.

2. EPIDEMIC AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SMALL-POX :—Primary vaccination of children and re-vaccination of adults were carried out as before. The supply of vaccines from England could not be obtained since January this year. So arrangements were made to get alternative supply of calf lymph from India.

GERMAN MEASLES :—In spite of the imposition of quarantine as already stated on the vessel infected with German Measles, the disease made its appearance in and around Victoria during the month of November and soon spread to the different districts of Mahé. Notices were published in the Government Bulletins informing the public about the presenting symptoms of the disease so as to aid its early detection and also about the necessity of protecting the young children from infection. Notices indicating the care of the sick, and the control and prevention of the infection were also published. The schools were closed and the recruitment of labourers to the Outlying Islands were forthwith stopped and the crew of coasters sailing to these islands were prohibited to land there. By these energetic measures the disease was prevented from reaching the Outlying Islands.

RABIES :—This is kept out of the Colony by imposing quarantine (six months) on all imported dogs, cats and other susceptible animals. During the year 3 dogs, 5 cats and 8 donkeys were placed in quarantine.

LEPROSY :—No change to report. The following table gives the type of disease and the method of isolation of the patients in the different types at the end of the year.

Method of Isolation	In Curieuse Settlement.	In Round Island Mahé.	In Home Isolation.		
			Mahé.	Praslin.	La Digue.
Type { Infectious (L.)	12	14	9	9	2
{ Non-infectious (N.)	15	7	8	...	...
	27	21	17	9	2

HELMINTHIASIS :—Routine inspection of latrines and premises, and mass treatment of worms with oil of chenopodium were continued as in previous years. On the whole 14,716 doses of vermifuge were dispensed and 193 contraventions were taken for inadequate latrine accommodation and for depositing excreta else where than in a latrine.

DRACONTIASIS :—All the three imported cases reported last year were repatriated.

B. GENERAL MEASURES OF SANITATION.

No change to report.

SCHOOL HYGIENE.

GENERAL :—The Medical Inspection of the schools and the school children of the districts of North Mahé, Praslin and La Digue was conducted as in previous years. Due to ill-health the Medical Officer of South Mahé could not carry out the school inspection of his district. The individual examination of the children gave the following results :—

	North Mahé	Praslin	La Digue
No. of children on rolls	1,304	373	209
No. of children examined	1,091	363	202

CONDITIONS.

Lack of cleanliness	9.09%	6.3%	21.7%
Defective nutrition and development	.18	17.	33 1
Defective teeth and dental caries	8.69	14.8	15.3
Intestinal parasites	57.35	53.4	71.7
Tonsils and adenoids	4.61	3.3	2.4
Diseases of the Respiratory System	.15		
Eye defects	.12	1.3	1.4
Skin diseases	.20	11.3	11.8
Anæmia	9.58	9.3	9.4
Jiggers		.5	
Other conditions	.12	8.	2.9

DENTAL:—During the year the Dental Surgeon paid special attention to the children of 5 schools in South Mahé where during several visits he completed the most urgent forms of treatment for 378 children by holding clinics at the school premises. Besides 228 children from 16 schools were attended to, at the well equipped dental clinic at the Seychelles Hospital. On the whole he performed 1,231 extractions, 91 fillings, 21 scalings and 3 dressings for the school children. Another child was treated for Vincent's gingivitis.

A new step was taken this year for the education of the school children in oral hygiene and the care of the teeth. Special instruction sheets on these subjects were prepared by the Dental Surgeon. These were printed and distributed to all the schools, and the teachers were asked to co-operate in the education of the children and to hold practical classes periodically. The Dental Surgeon is to explain and lecture on these subjects to the teachers and children during his visits to the schools:

LABOUR CONDITIONS.

A great number of the labourers got enrolled into the two Pioneer Companies for service overseas. The extensive planting of food crops by the Government and by many planters has absorbed many more, and the unemployment problem is practically solved.

The condition of health and nutrition among the labourers remained satisfactory in all the islands except the Outlying Island of Assumption which is one of the coral islands of the Colony. Due to severe drought which lasted for several months no vegetables of any description could be grown there. Owing to the lack of vitamins in their diets some of the labourers of this island developed symptoms of scurvy and other deficiency diseases in spite of the efforts of the management of the island to supply the labourers occasionally with fruit juices both imported and locally made. On the whole 15 labourers were returned to Mahé due to deficiency diseases.

On a well balanced diet with an additional ration of marmite, green vegetables and fruits they all made a rapid recovery.

Instructions were issued by this department to the management of this island for the periodic supply of fresh vegetables and fruits from Mahé during the period when fresh vegetables cannot be obtained locally.

In December it came to the notice of this Department that one of the local labourers recruited for work on Agalega Island, a dependency of Mauritius, did not get prompt treatment for an ulcer on his foot which, through lack of qualified medical assistance for about a year, ultimately cost him his limb. Soon after his return to Mahé he had to undergo an amputation at the middle of his thigh as a life saving measure. This fact was reported to the Government with the recommendation that further recruitment of labourers to such islands over which this Government has no jurisdiction should be discontinued. Recruitment was forthwith stopped.

As a result of enquiries to the alleged improper treatment given to sick labourers in some of the Outlying Islands by their Managers, it came to light that on none of the Outlying Islands are there persons who possess even an elementary knowledge in First Aid or Nursing. So this Department pointed out to the Government the great need of getting one or two of the responsible officers from each Outlying Island to attend a course of training in First Aid and Home Nursing at the Seychelles Hospital. Accordingly arrangements are being made for training selected candidates from the Outlying Islands in these very useful subjects.

IV. PORT HEALTH WORK AND AEROPLANE TRAFFIC.

Free pratique was given to 54 vessels.

Partial pratique was given to 16 vessels.

Full quarantine was imposed on one vessel.

The number of passengers who arrived in the Colony during the year were 327. Out of these 5 were placed in quarantine for German measles, excluding one from shore, 1 Police constable and 3 labourers.

270 passengers left the Colony.

There is no regular aeroplane service to this Colony yet. The 10 flying boats which arrived here during the year were disinfected prior to entering the inner harbour.

V. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

A fully qualified midwife was appointed as Government District Midwife, Port Grand district on the 16th August.

The Lady Health Visitor continued her visits to the houses of the poor-class expectant mothers, nursing mothers and children educating them in ante-natal care and infant welfare.

1,874 children attended the infant welfare clinic against 1,872 in 1940.

294 women attended the ante-natal clinic against 282 in 1940.

375 patients were admitted into the Maternity Section of the Seychelles Hospital as against 365. Besides 6 patients were remaining from 1940.

VI. HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES, DENTAL AND VENEREAL CLINICS.

SEYCHELLES HOSPITAL:—2,000 patients (1,006 males, 994 females) were admitted into the Hospital during the year, against 1,681 in 1940.

There were in addition 23 patients remaining in Hospital on the 1st January 1941.

The total number of patients treated was 2,023 against 1,716 in 1940.

921 males and 937 females were discharged as cured.

61 males and 32 females were discharged as relieved.

9 males and 3 females were discharged as unrelieved.

There were 19 deaths in Hospital against 21 in 1940.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL PRASLIN :—The new Hospital is still uncompleted. During the year 144 patients were treated in the Cottage Hospital with three deaths. Besides surgical aid was given to 136 patients of which 130 were discharged cured and 6 relieved.

The statistics of the Cottage Hospital are given in Table IV.

PUBLIC DISPENSARIES :—Besides the Dispensary of the Seychelles Hospital at Victoria there are dispensaries for out-patients at South Mahé, at Grand Anse and Baie Ste Anne Praslin and at La Digue. On the whole 17,845 out-patients were treated in the dispensaries against 15,127 in 1940.

In addition at the Seychelles Hospital 1,111 Government employees and 707 members of the Seychelles Pioneer Companies were treated at the out-patient department.

Further a number of men were medically examined by the Government Medical Officers for recruitment into the various units in connection with the Imperial and Local Defence.

Of the total number of men examined 87% were passed fit for service whereas the remaining 13% were unfit. The following table shows the various causes of unfitness, and their rate of incidence for every 100 men examined. This reveals that venereal diseases formed the main cause of unfitness, next in order of frequency were hernia (various types) and secondary anaemia.

<i>Cause of Unfitness</i>	<i>Percentage rate of incidence</i>
Venereal Diseases	5.30
Hernia	2.26
Anæmia	2.10
Defective eye sight	.69
Asthma	.47
Heart diseases	.47
Hydrocele	.40
Skin diseases	.40
Asthenia	.23
Gastric ulcer	.15
Pleurisy	.15
Adenitis	.08
Epilepsy	.08
Emphysema	.08
Hæmorrhoids	.08
Varicose veins	.08
Temporarily unfit	.08
Under age	.08
Over age	.08

DENTAL CLINIC :—During the year 1,857 free dental extractions were performed by the Dental Surgeon in the following classes of patients : —

Government employees	219
Paupers	1,034
Police Force	17
Hospital patients in 3rd class wards	54
Prisoners	54
S. P. C.	479
Total	1,857

Besides 17 cases received other varieties of dental treatment.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINICS :—These were held twice weekly at the Seychelles Hospital and at the Cottage Hospital Praslin, and once weekly at Anse Royale, Grand Anse Praslin and at La Digue.

The number of new cases admitted for treatment at these clinics are given on page 2. Besides a good number of seamen and members of the Forces were treated at the clinic in the Seychelles Hospital.

The Arsenical preparations used for the treatment of Syphilis were Novarsenobillion and Acetylarsan and the Bismuth preparation was Bicrool. The soft chancres were treated with Sulphanilamide and 'Dmelcos' vaccine.

During this year a great number of patients with gonorrhoea and its complications were treated with Sulphapyridine. While the results in most cases were remarkable by the rapidity with which they were cured by this treatment, there were a few cases, including those who received treatment at the early stage of the disease, who showed little or no improvement with this treatment alone.

VII. LABORATORY AND X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

The following is the summary of the work done in the Seychelles Hospital Laboratory :—

General analysis of urine	1,551	Brought forward	2,138
Microscopic examination of urine deposits	40	Smears for bacillus lepræ	25
„ Fæces	144	Vomit	1
„ Sputum	41	Smears from liver puncture	1
„ Throat swabs	5	Ascitis fluid	1
„ Urethral smears	284	Smears from pleural exudate	4
„ Vaginal and cervical smears	29	Kahn tests	359
„ Pus smears	7	Stain on garment for blood	1
Blood total and differential counts	19	Fresh section of lymph gland	1
„ Smears for parasites	18		
Carried forward	2,138	Total	2,531

X. RAY AND ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT:— The X-Ray plant in the Seychelles Hospital which belonged to Dr. Lanier was purchased by the Government on the 1st of October this year.

The following is the summary of work done in this Department during the year :—

Radioscopy	21
Radiography	19
Ultra violet ray therapy	37 sittings.

VIII. TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL.

During the year 3 probationer nurses, 1 pupil midwife and 3 Probationer Sanitary Inspectors were admitted to the Medical and Health Department for training.

Courses of instructions were held for the nursing and sanitary personnel and also for the members of the V. A. Detachments in the subjects of First Aid, Home Nursing, Hygiene and Sanitation, Anatomy, Physiology and Midwifery.

The following table shows the number of candidates who attended the courses and the results of the examinations held at the end of each course.

Certificates in : —									
	First Aid		Home Nursing		Hygiene and Sanitation		Mid-wifery	Ana-tomy	Physio-logy
	1st.	Adv.	1st.	Adv.	1st.	Adv.			
No. of candidates who attended the course	75	2	73	2	11	3	7	4	4
No. who appeared for examination	52	2	40	2	11	3	6	3	3
No. of successful candidates	42	1	37	2	7	3	4	3	2

IX. SECONDMENT FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

Due to the shortage of professional staff, secondment of Medical Officers for military service was not possible.

Nevertheless 3 fully trained Sanitary Inspectors and the Medical Storekeeper were relieved from the Department to join the Army for service overseas.

X. PRISONS AND ASYLUMS.

CENTRAL PRISON VICTORIA.

During the year the health of the prisoners was satisfactory. The rations supplied were adequate and of good quality. No signs of nutritional disorders were observed.

17 male and one female prisoners were admitted to the Seychelles Hospital for treatment. Besides 322 males and 61 females reported sick and were attended to in the Prisons.

The minimum number of prisoners during the year was 28, the maximum 79 and the daily average 46.

MENTAL HOSPITAL ANSE ROYALE.

The name of this institution was changed from Lunatic Asylum into Mental Hospital on 8th August 1942 by Gazette Notice No. 228 of 1942.

The statistics of this Hospital is appended in Table III.

PAUPER ASYLUM OF FIENNES INSTITUTE PLAISANCE.

The daily average number of paupers in 1941 was 90 and there were 46 deaths.

The actual expenditure for maintenance of paupers was Rs 8,399.39 against Rs 7,944.96 in 1940.

The number of patients admitted during the year was 72.

The health of the inmates considering their advanced age was fair. Most of them occupy themselves in gardening and in making mats, baskets and brooms. The cost of materials for these industries was Rs 14 and the sale of the finished articles realised Rs. 24.64.

In concluding it is my pleasant duty to thank all members of the department for their willing co-operation and assistance in the work recorded here.

P. M. JOSEPH,
Acting Senior Medical Officer.

TABLE I.
RETURN OF DISEASES.

Diseases.	In-patients Seychelles Hospital.					Out-patients Dispensaries.		
	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1940	Yearly Total		Total Cases Treated.	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1941	Victoria.	South Mahé.	Praslin and La Digue.
		Admissions	Deaths					
I—EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.								
Malaria (imported)	...	6	...	6	...	...	...	...
Influenza	...	44	...	44	1	68	48	...
Dengue	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Dysentery (amoebic)	...	100	...	100	1	112	42	2
Rubella	...	19	...	19	3	47	...	...
Tetanus	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of lungs	...	5	...	5	...	3	5	...
knee	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
hip	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
cœcum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	30	45	...
congenital	...	3	...	3	...	4	2	1
primary	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
secondary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
tertiary	3	4	...	7	...	...	...	1
Tabes dorsalis	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Gonorrhœa and its complications	...	42	...	42	1	14	30	22
Lymphogranuloma inguinalae	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Balantidium coli	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
II—GENERAL DISEASES NOT MENTIONED ABOVE								
Carcinoma of breast	1	1	...	2	...	1	1	...
colon	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Tumours non-malignant	...	9	...	9	...	5	7	1
Lumbago	...	3	...	3	...	8	36	...
Sciatica	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	2
Rheumatism acute and chronic	...	72	...	72	3	139	57	39
Rheumatic fever	...	4	...	4	1	...	...	...
Diabetes mellitus	...	5	1	5	1	...	...	...
Diabetic coma	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Hæmophilia	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Anæmias	...	9	4	9	1	304	101	90
Alcoholic poisoning	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Beri-beri	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Avitaminosis	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
Scurvy	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	...
Puberty	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...
Menopause	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
Flat foot	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Goitre colloid	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	...
Carried forward	4	340	6	344	13	768	383	172

TABLE I.—(Continued).
RETURN OF DISEASES.

Diseases.	In-patients Seychelles Hospital.					Out-patients Dispensaries.		
	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1940	Yearly Total.			Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1941	Victoria.	South Mahé	Praslin and La Digue.
		Admissions	Deaths	Total Cases Treated.				
Brought forward ...	4	340	6	344	13	768	383	172
III.—AFFECTIONS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEMS AND ORGANS OF SENSES.								
Meningitis (not including tuberculous or cerebro-spinal meningitis) ...	..	2	..	2	1	..	1	..
Cerebral hæmorrhage ...	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	..
Cerebral thrombosis ...	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Hemiplegia ...	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Concussion ...	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	..
Convulsion ...	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Syncope ...	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Epilepsy ...	..	4	..	4	..	1	6	..
Epistaxis ...	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..
Hysteria ...	..	8	..	8	..	1	6	9
Neuritis ...	..	2	..	2	..	7	7	..
Neurosis ...	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..
Neurasthenia ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Neuralgia ...	..	7	..	7	..	..	1	11
Delirium tremens ...	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Headache ...	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	..
Vertigo ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..
Myelitis ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Paralysis ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2
Facial paralysis ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Torticollis ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
AFFECTIONS OF THE ORGANS OF VISION.								
Conjunctivitis ...	..	4	..	4	..	6	11	13
Cataract ...	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..
Iritis ...	..	4	..	4	..	2	..	1
Pterygium ...	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	..
Corneal ulcer ...	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2
Meibomian cyst ...	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Keratitis ...	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5
AFFECTIONS OF THE EAR.								
Otorrhœa ...	..	5	..	5	..	14	12	7
Otitis media ...	..	12	..	12	..	8	10	28
Deafness ...	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
Earache ...	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..
IV.—AFFECTIONS OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.								
Mitral stenosis ...	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Myocarditis ...	..	12	..	12	..	8	4	7
Endocarditis ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Tachycardia ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cardiac failure ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
DISEASES OF THE VEINS.								
Hæmorrhoids ...	..	16	..	16	..	..	4	2
Phlebitis ...	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Varicose veins and ulcers ...	..	2	..	2	..	9	..	..
Carried forward ...	4	441	6	445	15	948	483	272

TABLE I.—(Continued).
RETURN OF DISEASES.

Diseases.	In-patients Seychelles Hospital.					Out-patients Dispensaries.		
	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1940	Yearly Total.			Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1941	Victoria	South Mahé	Praslin and La Digue
		Admissions.	Deaths	Total Cases Treated.				
Brought forward ...	4	441	6	445	15	948	483	272
DISEASES OF THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM.								
Adenitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...
Lymphangitis ...	...	7	...	7	...	...	2	...
Lymphadenitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...
V. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.								
Bronchial catarrh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	25
Bronchitis acute & chronic ...	...	32	...	32	...	140	61	...
Broncho-pneumonia ...	...	12	...	12	1	...	2	...
Pneumonia lobar ...	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	...
Pleurisy ...	...	28	...	28	...	...	15	1
Pleurodynia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hæmoptysis ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...
Asthma ...	...	66	1	66	...	94	23	25
Nasal polypus ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Congestion of turbinate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Coryza ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	35	...
Empyema ...	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	...
Collapse of lungs ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Atelectasis ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
VI. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.								
AFFECTIONS OF THE MOUTH.								
Parotitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Dental abscess ...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	5
„ caries ...	...	2	...	2	...	75	19	4
Gingivitis ...	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	8
Stomatitis ...	...	8	...	8	...	5	5	...
Thrush ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	7
Pyorrhœa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
AFFECTIONS OF THE PHARYNX AND TONSILS.								
Tonsillitis ...	...	51	...	51	1	82	20	17
Pharyngitis ...	...	25	1	25	1	17	27	48
Laryngitis ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
AFFECTIONS OF THE STOMACH.								
Gastralgia ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Gastritis and vomiting ...	...	10	...	10	1	2	75	53
Gastro-enteritis ...	...	26	...	26	...	18	6	2
Gastric ulcer ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Dyspepsia ...	...	6	...	6	...	5	26	...
Hæmatemesia ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...
Enteritis and diarrhœa ...	1	28	...	29	1	77	41	24
Helminthiasis ...	...	17	...	17	1	18	19	21
Flatulence ...	...	...	...	...	...	55	...	...
Flatus ...	...	...	...	...	...	57	...	...
	5	783	8	788	22	1619	923	520

Table I.—(Continued).
RETURN OF DISEASES.

Diseases.	In-patients Seychelles Hospital.					Out-patients Dispensaries.		
	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1940	Yearly Total.			Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1941	Victoria.	South Mahé.	Praslin and La Digue.
		Admissions.	Deaths.	Total Cases Treated.				
Brought forward ...	5	783	8	788	22	1619	923	520
AFFECTIONS OF THE STOMACH.—(Cont.)								
Appendicitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ acute and sub-acute ...	...	17	...	17	...	1	1	...
„ chronic ...	...	11	...	11	...	...	4	...
Hernia inguinal ...	...	19	...	19	...	4	3	...
„ strangulated ...	...	4	...	4	...	2	...	...
„ umbilical ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
AFFECTIONS OF THE ANUS.								
Abscess ischio-rectal ...	...	11	...	11	...	...	1	...
Prolapse of anus ...	...	7	...	7	...	3	3	...
Rectal stricture ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
AFFECTIONS OF THE INTESTINES.								
Colitis ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Constipation ...	...	9	...	9	...	124	40	176
Intestinal obstruction ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
AFFECTIONS OF THE LIVER.								
Jaundice ...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	1
Liver abscess ...	...	11	...	11	...	...	...	...
Cirrhosis of liver ...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Concussion of liver ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Cholecystitis ...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
Hepatitis ...	2	162	...	164	7	50	32	7
OTHER AFFECTIONS.								
Abdominal colic ...	...	29	...	29	...	2	27	43
Melæna ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Peritonitis ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
VII.—DISEASES OF THE GENITO- URINARY SYSTEM (non-venereal).								
Cystitis ...	...	17	...	17	...	3	24	1
Prostatitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Urethritis ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	1
Urethral stricture ...	...	14	...	14	...	1	5	...
Pyelitis ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Epididymitis ...	...	8	...	8	...	7	...	...
Orchitis ...	...	13	...	13	...	...	8	4
Hydrocele ...	...	4	...	4	...	5	...	2
Hæmatocele ...	...	1	...	1	...	1	3	...
Phagedœma penis ...	...	9	...	9	...	...	...	...
Phimosis ...	...	9	...	9	...	2	7	...
Salpingitis ...	2	40	...	42	1	18	21	4
Uterine fibroid ...	2	6	...	8	...	7	3	...
prolapse ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Endometritis ...	...	2	...	2	...	1	12	...
Dysmenorrhœa ...	1	7	...	8	...	19	3	6
Menorrhagia ...	...	4	...	4	...	20	4	1
Amenorrhœa ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	2
Carried forward ...	12	1217	10	1229	30	1897	1145	768

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RETURN OF DISEASES.

Diseases.	In-patients Seychelles Hospital.					Out-patients Dispensaries.		
	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1940	Yearly Total		Total Cases Treated.	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1941	Victoria.	South Mahé.	Praslin and La Digue.
		Admissions	Deaths					
Brought forward	12	1217	10	1229	30	1897	1145	768
Oligomenorrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...
Ovaritis	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	7
Pruritis	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Vaginitis	...	5	...	5	...	1	...	1
Pelvic inflammation	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
Extravasation of urine	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Albuminuria	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
Renal Colic	...	12	...	12	...	...	...	2
„ calculus	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Urinary fistula	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
VIII. PUERPERAL STATE.								
Normal labour	6	296	...	302	8	...	...	...
Accidents of pregnancy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abortion	...	16	...	16	...	...	...	...
Threatened abortion	...	10	...	10	...	...	...	...
Premature delivery	...	16	...	16	...	...	...	...
Contracted pelvis	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Eclampsia	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	...
Ectopic gestation	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Other accidents of pregnancy	...	27	1	27	...	...	...	...
Accidents of parturition	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
Post partum hæmorrhage	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
Ante-natal	...	...	...	...	...	104	6	...
Post-natal	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
IX. AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN AND CELLULAR TISSUES.								
Gangrene	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
Cellulitis	...	30	...	30	...	12	...	1
Carbuncle	...	5	...	5	...	4	...	...
Furunculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Abscess	1	57	...	58	...	55	61	45
Bursitis	...	4	...	4	...	5	...	...
Eczema	...	8	...	8	...	7	10	6
Dermatitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ulcers and septic wounds	...	65	...	65	...	61	25	22
Rodent ulcer	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
Cysts	...	3	...	3	...	...	8	...
Herpes zoster	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...
Venereal warts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ingrowing toe-nail	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...
Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	18	16	49
Urticaria	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Jiggers	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Elephantiasis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
X.—DISEASES OF BONES AND ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.								
Periostitis	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	...
Arthritis	...	5	...	5	...	13	36	19
Synovitis	...	12	...	12	...	...	1	1
Kyphosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Torticollis	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Charcot's joint	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Carried forward	20	1824	13	1844	39	2203	1321	944

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RETURN OF DISEASES.

Diseases.	In-patients Seychelles Hospital.					Out-patients Dispensaries.		
	Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1940	Yearly Total.			Remaining in Hos- pital at end of 1941	Victoria.	South Mahé.	Praslin and La Digue
		Admissions.	Deaths.	Total Cases Treated.				
Brought forward ...	20	1824	13	1844	39	2203	1321	944
XII.—DISEASES OF INFANCY.								
Megacolon ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Marasmus ...	...	3	...	3	...	1	3	7
Dentition ...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...
Rickets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
XIII.—DISEASES OF OLD AGE.								
Senility and debility ...	...	...	...	...	...	94	14	...
XIV.—AFFECTIONS PRODUCED BY EXTERNAL CAUSES.								
Burns and scalds ...	...	16	2	16	...	3	2	3
Injuries and wounds ...	2	79	...	81	2	32	45	46
Fractures ...	1	19	2	20	...	9	16	6
Foreign bodies ...	...	11	...	11	...	...	2	1
Dislocations ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	2
Sprains ...	...	7	...	7	...	2	5	7
Dog bite ...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	2
Sunstroke ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
XV.—ILL-DEFINED CAUSES.								
Asthenia ...	...	19	...	19	...	36	6	26
Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...
Hyperpyrexia ...	...	10	1	10	...	...	...	...
Shock and collapse ...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
Hæmorrhagic shock ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Ascites ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Insomnia ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Total ...	23	2000	19	2023	41	2417	1422	1055

TABLE II.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED AT THE SEYCHELLES HOSPITAL.

Operations performed in 1941 numbered 651 against 452 in 1940, 615 were cured 35 were relieved and 1 died.

LIST OF OPERATIONS.

Operations.	No.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Remarks.
(1) ABDOMINAL.					
Herniotomy-inguinal ...	17	17	...	...	
strangulated ...	5	5	...	...	
Acute & sub-acute appendicitis ...	18	18	...	...	
Chronic appendicitis ...	6	6	...	...	
Laparotomy ...	2	2	...	...	
(2) ANO-RECTAL.					
Excision of Hæmorrhoids ...	18	18	...	...	
,, fistula in ano ...	2	2	...	...	
(3) EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.					
Removal of nasal polypi ...	6	6	...	...	
(4) EYE.					
Meibomian cyst ...	2	2	...	...	
Excision of Pterygium ...	2	2	...	...	
Cataract ...	1	1	...	...	
(5) GENITO-URINARY.					
Radical cure for Hydrocele ...	4	4	...	...	
Urethral stricture ...	32	32	...	...	
Circumcision ...	19	19	...	...	
Cystostomy ...	1	1	...	...	
(6) GYNÆCOLOGICAL.					
Dilatation and curettage ...	3	3	...	...	
Hysterectomy ...	3	3	...	...	
Ovarectomy ...	2	2	...	...	
Colporrhaphy ...	2	2	...	...	
Salpingectomy ...	1	...	...	1	A case of ruptured ectopic gestation.
(7) ORTHOPÆDICS.					
Reduction of fractures ...	23	23	...	...	
dislocations ...	2	2	...	...	
Amputation of finger ...	3	3	...	...	
" leg ...	2	2	...	...	
" toe ...	3	3	...	...	
(8) MISCELLANEOUS.					
Aspiration of liver abscess ...	12	12	...	...	
Paracentesis for :—		...	...	...	
" " ascitis ...	9	...	9	...	
" " bursitis ...	20	20	...	...	
" " hydrocele ...	25	...	25	...	
Drainage of septic conditions ...	233	233	...	...	
Suture of wounds ...	92	92	...	...	
Skin grafting ...	4	4	...	...	
Excision of cyst ...	23	23	...	...	
" non-malignant		...	...	...	
tumours ...	19	19	...	...	
" malignant tumours ...	1	...	1	...	
" nails ...	10	10	...	...	
" ro-lent ulcer ...	2	2	...	...	
Removal of foreign bodies ...	22	22	...	...	
Total ...	651	615	35	1	

TABLE III.

TABLE SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSION, DISCHARGES, AND
DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1941.
MENTAL HOSPITAL.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of patients in Hospital on 1st January 1941	18	17	35	...	...	...
Patients out on Trial	2	1	3	...	...	...
Total number of patients on 1st January 1941	20	18	38	...	...	...
First Admission during 1941	4	1	5	...	...	...
Re-admission " "	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total number of patients under care during 1941	24	19	43	24	19	43
Number of patients discharged during 1941.						
Recovered	1	...	1	...	...	...
Relieved	...	1	1	...	...	...
Died	7	...	7	...	...	...
Total number of patients discharged or died during 1941	8	1	9	8	1	9
Number of patients in the Mental Hospital on 31st December 1941	14	17	31	...	...	...
Number of patients out of trial	3	1	4	...	...	...
Total number of patients in the Mental Hospital on 31st December 1941 including those out on trial	...	...	...	17	18	35

TABLE IV.

Return of Diseases in 1941 at the Cottage Hospital (In-patients).

Diseases.	Total number treated.
I. EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	
Gonorrhœa and its complications	1
Lymphogranuloma inguinale	2
Syphilis primary	1
Dysentery (amœbic)	1
Hyperpyrexia	1
II. AFFECTIONS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND ORGANS OF SENSES.	
Hysteria	4
Cerebral thrombosis	1
Cerebral hæmorrhage	1
Hemiplegia	1
Carried forward	13

TABLE IV. (Continued)
Return of Diseases in 1941 at the Cottage Hospital (In-Patients).

Diseases.	Total number Treated.
Brought forward ...	13
AFFECTIONS OF THE ORGANS OF VISION.	
Conjunctivitis ...	2
Iritis ...	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum ...	2
Corneal ulcer ...	2
III. AFFECTIONS OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.	
Cardiac failure ..	2
Chronic myocarditis ...	1
DISEASES OF THE LYMPHATIC SYSTEM.	
Lymphangitis ...	1
IV. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.	
Lobar pneumonia ...	1
Asthma ...	4
Catarrhal bronchitis ...	1
V. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE. SYSTEM.	
AFFECTIONS OF THE PHARYNX AND TONSILS.	
Pharyngitis ...	3
AFFECTIONS OF THE LIVER.	
Hepatitis ...	3
Acute-cholecystitis ...	1
AFFECTIONS OF THE STOMACH.	
Gastritis ...	2
Gastro-enteritis ...	2
OTHER AFFECTIONS.	
Abdominal colic ...	6
VI. DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM (NON-VENEREAL)	
Retention of urine ...	2
Cystitis ...	1
Orchitis ...	4
Phagedæna of penis ...	1
Phimosis ...	1
Ovaritis ...	1
Acute pyelitis ...	4
Carried forward ...	61

TABLE VI. (Continued)

Return of Diseases in 1941 at the Cottage Hospital (In-Patient).

Diseases.	Total number Treated.
Brought forward ...	61
VII. PUERPERAL STATE.	
Normal labour ...	32
Breech presentation ...	2
Abortion ...	3
Threatened abortion ...	1
Premature delivery ...	1
Puerperal fever ...	1
Post-partum hæmorrhage ...	2
VIII. AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN AND CELLULAR TISSUES.	
Cellulitis ...	2
Keloid ...	1
Furunculosis ...	1
Abscess ...	4
Fibroma ...	2
Ulcers ...	6
IX. AFFECTIONS PRODUCED BY EXTERNAL CAUSES.	
Injuries and wounds ...	14
Fractures ...	7
Scalds ...	2
Sprain ...	1
Foreign body ...	1
Total ...	144

